

## **Frederick County Sustainability Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**4/15/2015**

**Attendees:** Tom Anderson, David Lange, Tim Jones, Margie Lance, Chris May, Kate Ansalvish, Annie Jones, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Joe Richardson, Lisa Orr for Shannon Moore, Jerry Donald

**Public:** Rich Marento and Fort Detrick Representative

#### **Welcome – 3 pm Introductory Comments:**

- The Chair welcomed all attendees and guests, outlined the intent of the meeting and welcomed Council Member Donald .
- The Vice Chair noted that the March meeting minutes were distributed and approved in content. The Vice Chair will continue to prepare future Agenda's and Meeting Minutes.
- The Vice Chair reaffirmed the date of October 16, 2015 for the FCC/FCSC Sustainability Event and will report on the progress of the event at each Commission meeting. All Commission members are encouraged to volunteer to make presentations at Commission
- Comments on October Sustainability Event:
  - Ron K. indicated we need a list of take-aways
  - Lisa O. would like to see "how-to sessions" on the Neighbor Green Project
  - Joe R. is willing to give a hands-on session for composting
  - Margie L. would like to have a session on Food

#### **FCSC By-Laws**

- Annie J. indicated that all legal changes are made and that no further legal reviews are necessary
- Dave L. motioned to accept the By-Laws, seconded by Ron K.
- Chair- By-Laws are accepted

#### **Sustainability Plan:**

- Tom A. is reviewing all requirements and will report out development at future meetings
- Tim J. indicated that there is an impact on existing residential properties. Tim will research commercial/industrial properties
- Lisa O. indicated we need more Green Challenge education

#### **Spot Recognition Cert.**

- Emmitsburg process still working by Chair. Tom A. will develop for next meeting

#### **Presentation by Ron Kalenbaugh: Solar Retrofits and Electrical Vehicles**

- Ron presented an excellent education briefing on these topics to the Commission Members
- Ron provided a good hand-out of the current initiative for different models of vehicles (see Ron for future up-dates.

### **Commission Members Items of Interest:**

- Joe R.
    - Spring Fest April 18, this Sat. 10-3
    - Is interested in community solar. Indicated a recent proposal for 10 acres on his farm
    - Discussed a recent project his son is working on for an Ice Chiller (under prototype) to be used in Kenya
    - Chair indicate this topic would make a good presentation
  - Annie J.
    - Discussed interest on a presentation for World Wildlife Fund and more dairy needed worldwide
    - Gave examples of zero growth waste management, Freeport Maine and a farm in PA.
  - Tim J. shared a very interesting observation. In the process of performing energy efficient audits on residential properties, his company discovered carbon monoxide (CM) leaks with homes not having CM detectors. More to come on this issue.
  - Tim J. also would like to see energy efficient performance awards
  - Dave L. indicated that assistance will be needed by Commission members for the October Sustainability event, many volunteered. More to come as time gets closer.
  - Lisa O. indicated that the Neighborhood Green initiative is going well and that there will be a tree planting at Cococtin nature center in April
  - Lisa O. also indicated that the County has 5 PHEV's and 3 charging stations
  - Margie L. indicated there is a need to support local farmers, Meal on Wheels and Local harvest organizations
  - Ron K. discussed the National Sustainability Design EXPO (EPA driven) where 50-60 college students participated
  - Chris M. reported that the solar initiative is going robust.
- **There were no spot recognitions this past month. Tom A .reminded all to look for recognitions on sustainability initiatives.**

### **Other Reminders:**

#### **Further update discussion on FCSC Member Presentations Items of Interest (for the future):**

May/June -Chris V. to briefly discuss Waste Management

- Phil Harris on FC Landfill???
- Mike & Tim- Std. for residential
- Chris M. – Solar and Energy grid
- Kate- Water Quality
- Margie had indicated the following Spot Recognitions for the future, so as not to forget them:
  - North Point, Mercer Agri-Services, Mount St. Mary's

**Reminder:** Tad Shueson (English Muffin Factory) also wants to work with the County on energy incentives and property tax credits.

**Public comments:**

- Rich indicated that the FCC/FCSC October event be considered at the beginning of October to couple with other county initiatives going on. Rich also indicated that we should ask Mark Lancaster on how the FCSC can help on building incentives.
- Ft. Detrick-Ground Breaking has begun for the new 50 MW Solar Project and will be completed next year. This will meet about 35% of Ft. Detrick's electric demand

**Adjourn-**The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.